

County Connection

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Special points of interest:

- 1/2: County Offices Closed
- 1/16: Offices Closed
- 1/27: Pay Day
- 2/24: Pay Day

Calendar of Events

January:

- 1: New Years
- 2: Offices Closed
- 16: MLK Jr. Day
- 16: Offices Closed

February:

- 9: BOC Meet @ 9AM
- 12: Lincoln's Birthday
- 14: Valentine's Day
- 20: President's Day
- 20: BOC Meet @ 6:30PM
- 22: Washington's Birthday

The Riddler

Answers can be given to Nichole McLaughlin @ 694-4193 x109.

You must keep this thing, its loss will affect your brothers. For once yours is lost, it will soon be lost by others.

First one with correct answer wins a sweet treat!!



Bizarre Holidays:

- 1/3: Sleep Day
- 1/25: Opposite Day
- 1/29: French Fries Day
- 2/6: Compliments Day
- 2/28: Blue Jeans Day

Welcome New Employees!!

Frank Archer: EMS

Rebecca Archer: EMS

Kenneth Everett: EMS

Joshua Ferguson: Sheriff

Donna

Graves: Library

Laura Lankford: Health

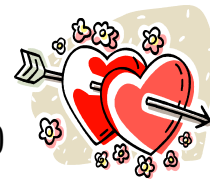
Mark Matherly: EMS

Justin Whitfield: EMS

Ken Mitchell: 911



Valentine Recipe: Chocolate Sweetheart Cakes for 2 (www.holidays.net)



Prep Time: 30 min

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 3 TBS Hershey's Cocoa
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 TBS vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp white vinegar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- Chocolate Frosting (recipe below)
- 1 tube pink decorating icing

Instructions:

- Heat oven to 350F. Grease & flour 8-in square baking pan.
- Stir together flour, granulated sugar, brown sugar, cocoa, baking soda, & salt.
- Add water, oil, vinegar &

vanilla; beat with whisk or spoon until smooth.

- Pour batter into prepared pan
- Bake 18-20 minutes or until wooden pick inserted comes out clean. Cool 10 min; remove from pan to wire rack. Cool completely.
- Transfer to cutting board.
- Using 3-1/4 inch heart-shaped cookie cutter, cut cake into 4 pieces.
- Spread Chocolate Frosting on top of two pieces; place remaining two hearts on top. Garnish with decorating icing.

Chocolate Frosting:

- 1 TBS butter or margarine
- 2/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1 TBS Hershey's Cocoa
- 2-3 tsp milk
- 1/8 tsp vanilla extract

Instructions:

- Place butter in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH (100%) 20 seconds or until butter is melted.
- Stir together powdered sugar and cocoa; add to butter mixture alternately with milk; beating with spoon/whisk until smooth.
- Stir in vanilla.
- Makes about 1/3 cup frosting.



Avoiding Slips and Falls in Winter Snow and Ice



Nearly two-thirds of the slips and falls that happen in the winter months occur on snow, ice, or wet surfaces near entrances or on parking lots.

Tips to help you prevent falls:

1. Wear shoes that provide good traction.
2. Dress warmly. Being cold may cause you to hurry or tense your muscles — both of which can affect your balance.
3. Give yourself plenty of time. Take short steps with your feet pointed slightly outward. This will help keep your center of balance under you and provide a stable base for support.
4. Be extremely careful getting out of your vehicle. If possible, swing your legs around and place both feet on the pavement before you attempt to stand. Steady yourself on the door-frame until you have gained your balance.
5. Don't take shortcuts. Always use sidewalks and the cleared paths in parking lots. Never walk between parked cars. Be especially careful when stepping to different levels — down or up steps or from curbs. Remember, grassy slopes can be as dangerous as snowy steps.
6. Pay attention to the walking surface. It may become wetter or slicker ahead of you. Look down, however, only with your eyes. If you bow your head, it could propel you forward.
7. When walking after sunset or in shadowed areas, be alert for black ice — particularly in the days following a storm. Once parking lots, sidewalks and steps have been cleared, a thin layer of water remains and refreezes when the temperature drops.
8. Carry only those items necessary. Carrying weighted or bulky packages is also risky.

EMPLOYEE AND DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

- I would like to apologize to Tonya Wingate (Coop Ext.), I mistakenly left her name off the December birthday list in the last issue. Happy Birthday Tonya!!
- Congratulations to Pam Turner (Health) who correctly answered the riddle from the last issue. The answer was 🐼🐼🐼🐼🐼🐼🐼.
- Congratulations to the Maintenance Wrecking Crew (Travis W, Calvin C, Beverly G, Willie S, and Naomi S) who was the winning team for the Fall 2005 Walking Wednesday Program.
- Congratulations to Willie Southern (Maintenance) who was the individual winner for Walking Wednesday. Willie won \$50.
- Congratulations to Janice Garland (DSS) who won the \$25 prize.
- Benton C Thompson (Health) will be retiring January 1. Benton Thompson had 16 years with the county.
- Louise Kelley (Senior Center) will be retiring in February. Louise Kelley had 16 years with the county.
- The Finance Office received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Finance Office Staff includes Gwen Vaughn, Janice Clayton, Katina Graves, and Sallie Smith.

Employee Birthdays

January:

Brenda Andrews	Tax	Audrey Simpson	DSS	Jennifer Laws	Ani. Con.
Maria Cable	Health	Laura Smith	Parks	Melissa McFarling	DSS
MistyDawn Coe	EMS	Wanda Talley	Health	Debbie McGuire	DSS
Jennifer Eastwood	Health	Kenneth Travis	Gov.	Charlotte Miller	DSS
Dennis Hancock III	EMS	Michelle Waddell	DSS	Aimee Newnam	Health
Heather Jeffries	Parks	Robert Webb	IT	Bettye Parker	DSS
Joey Knight III	Coop	Jeremiah Whitt	EMS	William Reynolds	Sheriff
Donald Loper	DSS	Denise Wilkins	Health	Harvey Rudd Jr	911
Keith McKinney	Sheriff	James Williams	Coop	Jamie Satterfield	EMS
Joyce Miller	Health	February:		Donna Thompson	EMS
Kevin Newcomer	Sheriff	Bobby Badgett	Sheriff	Michael Trollinger	EMS
John Pointer	Sheriff	Rosa Carrington	Sec. 8	Susan Trost	Jail
Crystal Porterfield	DSS	Jeff Earp	Admin	Pamela Turner	Health
Tammy Riggs	Deeds	Janice Garland	DSS	Irvin Watlington	Jail
Jennifer Russell	DSS	Rosalie Hammond	Health	Michael Welch	Sheriff
James Shell III	911	Amy Hooker	DSS	Steven Williamson	Sheriff
		Christopher Jones	Sheriff	Lucinda Wilson	DSS